

2019 Fan Activity Achievement (FAAn) Awards Ballot

Cover Sheet

Your Name: _____

Your Email: _____

Address: _____

Date: _____

Name of an active fan who knows you (if we might not):

Deadline: March 15, 2019

Email completed ballot to Michael Dobson, editor@timespinnerpress.com or fax to (240) 845-1085. Questions? Email Michael.

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Fanzine Category

1. BEST FANZINE

Name/Editor(s)

1a. Best Genzine

Name/Editor(s)

1b. Best Personal Zine

Name/Editor(s)

1c. Best Newszine

Name/Editor(s)

1d. Best Apazine

Name/Editor(s)

1e. Best Special Interest Fanzine

Name/Editor(s)

1f. Best Special Publication

Name/Editor(s)

Fanzine Category Instructions

Best Fanzine. Vote for the fanzine of your choice, regardless of the subcategory to which it belongs. You may also vote for the same fanzine in *one* subcategory.

Genzine. A fanzine that normally contains a significant amount of information by authors other than the editor.

Personal Zine. A fanzine primarily written by a single person, typically shorter in length and more frequent in publication.

Newszine. Focuses on news related either to fandom or to science fiction. If it's primarily a news *site*, vote for it in the Online category under Best News/Information Resource. If it's both print (online PDF counts)

Apazine. A fanzine primarily or exclusively distributed within an amateur press association and that typically includes mailing comments

Special Interest Fanzine. A fanzine devoted to a specific portion of the hobby, such as pulps, comics, or games.

Special Publication. A standalone publication that's usually bigger and fancier and more special than a typical fanzine. TAFF reports and fanthologies certainly qualify, but it's a big field. NOTE: A special publication is typically a one-shot, but it can also be a numbered issue of a fanzine (think *Warhoon* 28).

Fan Writing Category

2. BEST FAN WRITER

Name

2a. Best Article (Fannish)

Author

Article

Where Published

2b. Best Article (Sercon)

Author

Article

Where Published

2c. Best Series or Column

Author

Column

Where Published

2d. Best Letterhack

Name

Fan Writing Category Instructions

Best Fan Writer. Vote for the fan writer of your choice. You may also vote for that person (or an article by that person) in *one* subcategory. NOTE: Fan writers can work in both print and online media.

Fannish Article. An article that focuses on fans and fanac or fan history, usually humorous in tone. NOTE: For this and the next two subcategories, we need the author, the name of the article, and the fanzine (or site or blog) where it was published.

Sercon Article. That's "sercon" in its original meaning of "serious and constructive." It is serious in tone, not necessarily about fans and fandom (though it can be).

Series or Column. Multiple pieces with a common title or common theme by a single person. A multi-part TAFF report, a regular book review column, or a series of editorials would all qualify.

Letterhack. Writer of letters of comment to fanzines.

Fan Art/Graphics Category Instructions

Special Award to Steve Stiles for Achievement in Fan Art. The big reason I ended up doing the FAAn Awards this year is that Steve Stiles and Bill Burns/efanzines.com were both uncomfortable with winning consistently for so many years, and suggested that a Special Award (followed by retirement from the category) would be an equitable solution. A number of people have objected to the idea of a special award, and so I'm putting the question to you, the voters.

If you believe that Steve Stiles should receive a special award for his achievements in fan art and henceforth not be eligible in that category, check YES. If you vote YES, *do not* also vote for Steve in the Best Artistic Achievement Category. If YES does not win, all YES votes will be counted as votes for Steve under Best Artistic Achievement.

If you don't believe the Special Award is the way to go (or if you don't think he should get one), vote NO. You're then free to vote for Steve (or the person of your choice) for Best Artistic Achievement.

Either way, you may vote for Steve in *one* of the fan art/graphics subcategories.

Best Cover (Illustration). A fanzine cover that is primarily art.

Best Cover (Design/Photography). A fanzine cover that consists primarily of either photographs or design elements without illustration.

Best Illustrator (Fannish)/Best Illustrator (Stfnal or Sercon). If you're not sure where the person fits, use your best judgment.

Best Portfolio. A collection of art or graphics/photographs published in a fanzine or by itself.

Best Photographer/Digital Artist. Person who works in one or both of these media.

Best Graphic Design. Design of a fanzine or website.

Online Category

SPECIAL AWARD TO BILL BURNS/EFANZINES.COM FOR ACHIEVEMENT IN ONLINE FANDOM

Yes

No

4. BEST ONLINE ACHIEVEMENT _____

Name/Site

4a. Best Online Archive or Resource: _____

Site

4b. Best News/Information Resource: _____

Site

4c. Best Online Group or List: _____

Group or List

4d. Best Blogger: _____

Person/Blog

4e. Best Online Presence: _____

Person/Group

Online Category Instructions

Special Award to Bill Burns/efanzines.com for Achievement in Online Fandom. See the discussion of the Special Award to Steve Stiles. If you believe that Bill Burns and efanazines.com should receive a special award for online achievement and henceforth not be eligible in that category, check YES.

If you vote YES, *do not* also vote for efanazines in the Best Online Achievement Category. If YES does not win, all YES votes will be counted as votes for efanazines in the Best Online Achievement category.

If you don't believe the Special Award is the way to go, vote NO, and you're then free to vote for efanazines.com or the website of your choice) for Best Online Achievement. Either way, you may also vote for efanazines.com under Best Online Archive or Resource.

Online Archive or Resource. A database or archive containing material related to fandom.

News/Information Resource. A news site that may or may not exist separate from a print/PDF newszine, focusing on fannish or science fiction topics. If the online version is essentially the same as the print/PDF version, vote for it under the Fanzine category. If it's purely online, like a blog site, vote for it here. If the online and print versions are very different, you may vote for it both places.

Online Group or List. A list or discussion group on a service such as Facebook or groups.io that focuses on a fan-related topic.

Blogger. A regularly produced blog related to fandom.

Online Presence. Similar to Best Letterhack, this is someone whose written contributions to groups, lists, blog comments, etc., deserves recognition.

#1 Fan Face Category

5. #1 FAN FACE

Name

5a. SMOF of the Year

Name

5b. Services to the Hobby

Name

5b. Smoooooth Operator

Name

Award for Unrecognized Fan Achievement

Who/for What?

#1 Fan Face Category Instructions

They also fan who only come to cons.

This year, we're giving awards for people whose fanac is more in person, whether at cons or clubs or bars.

#1 Fan Face. We'll still tabulate all votes for a person in all categories/subcategories and credit them toward #1 Fan Face, but this year you can also cast a vote for a specific fan of your choice.

SMOF of the Year. Someone whose tireless work and effort make the conventions you attend run smoothly and well.

Services to the Hobby. Fundraising for fan charities, preservation of fan heritage, or other work that supports fanzine fandom.

Smoooooth Operator. In memory of Bob Tucker. Someone you particularly enjoy hanging out with at cons, known for good conversation and a cheerful disposition, or known for excellent gossip ("If you can't find something nice to say about someone, come sit by me.")

Award for Unrecognized Fan Achievement Instructions

They wuz robbed.

Sometimes there's great work that somehow doesn't get the recognition (or FAAn Award) that it deserves in its proper year. Here's your chance to correct the historical record. This award is for work done *prior* to 2018 that you believe should have won a FAAn Award but didn't. Fanzines, writers, artists — the original category doesn't matter. However, the work does need to have been done no earlier than 1995, the year the FAAn Awards were revived.

If interest in the category is low and/or no individual product or person receives a clear mandate, we may downgrade this to a certificate or not give an award at all.